GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF GAS BY GAIL AND ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) are suffering from shortage in gas supply;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether regular customers including PSUs like RCF, HPCL, BPCL have complained regarding irregular supply by GAIL and ONGC;

(d) if so, the details of the demand and present production;

(e) whether the Government have started importing gas in order to regulate the supply;

(f) if so, the details thereof;
(g) whether the Government have considered the matter of gas supply by MNCs like ENRON; and
(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) As against the contracted quantity of natural gas ex-Uran, Maharashtra, of over 15 Million Standard Cubic Metre Per Day (MMSCMD), the present availability for supply is in the range of 9.5 to 10.5 MMSCMD only. Over the years, the crude oil production from the Mumbai High and the satellite fields has been declining and consequently the production of associated gas has also declined. In the circumstances, gas consumers like RCF, HPCL, BPCL etc., who are drawing gas ex-Uran, have made representations against the gas supplies being less than their allocations.

(e) to (h) There is no restriction on import of Natural Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). Several projects are on the anvil in this regard including LNG import project of Enron at Dabhol. The LNG importers have the right to directly market the re-gassified LNG.